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Law enforcement finds device described as 'pipe bomb' near Shell station

During the previous seven months, Clinton County has had to deal with two bomb threats.

The first came on September 5, when a threat was called into the Clinton County High School.

A second threat, and one that ended up being more credible, earned the attention again of local and state law enforcement this past Saturday night.

The difference in that September threat and the one called in Saturday night, was an actual explosive device was found at the most recent event.

Albany Police Officer Ricky Marcum, along with fellow Albany Police Officer Brad Cross, were among the first officers on the scene along with Kentucky State Police Troopers Brian Gibson and Jason Warinner.

The officers found the explosive device inside a truck parked in the Shell Quick Mart parking lot, in south Albany.

The first call regarding the posibility of an explosive device came in to dispatch at 10:29 p.m. Saturday night. When officers arrived on scene, a juvenile was sitting behind the wheel of the suspected pickup truck. The juvenile was subsequently cited for DUI.

"Our main objective was to apprehend the subjects involved, clear the scene and wait for the bomb unit," Marcum said.

Marcum said once he arrived on scene he located the driver of the vehicle as well as the explosive device which was in the glove box of the pickup parked in the upper parking lot area of Quick Mart Shell.

At 11 p.m., Saturday night, the parking lot of the gas station was completely blocked, as well as U.S. 127. Albany Firefighters, as well as Clinton County EMS were on the scene to control traffic, directing oncoming vehicles to either Tennessee

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Above, the area surrounding the Shell Quick Mart facility was blocked off to prevent traffic from reaching the parking lot as local and state law enforcement officers investigated the discovery of an object being described as a "pipe bomb" in a vehicle. Below, officers with the Kentucky State Police are shown looking on as the device is examined At far left, a closer look at the robot used by the Hazardous Devices Unit in situations where officers could be otherwise placed in harms way.



Youth LEO project goal is to have smoke alarms in every Clinton home

The Leo Club at Clinton County High School, with the help of the American Red Cross and Albany Fire Department, is in the midst of an important service-oriented project--that being the hope of seeing all homes and residences in Albany and Clinton County have an operable smoke alarm in their home.

Katie Beth Williams, a Leo Club member who is leading the drive for that CCHS organization, explained that the Leo Club is a branch of the Lions Club for teens who wish to become members when they get older. It is a non-profit service organization that takes on service projects in the community.

Williams and the Leo Club are sponsored by members of the Albany Lions Club for the project, specifically her father Mike Williams and Albany Elementary Principal Tim Armstrong, the latter who is an area official with the American Red Cross. Williams said she is following in the footsteps of her brother, Jacob, who helped form the Leo Club at CCHS. The club currently has over 25 members.

The project of supplying free smoke detectors to all homes and residences (apartment dwellings, etc.) is a major undertaking and involves a lot of teamwork, volunteer work and cooperation among the organizations involved.

The free smoke alarms are supplied by the American Red Cross, which Armstrong said had an unlimited supply. They are specifically installed in the homes by members of the Albany Fire Department and instructions on the use of the devices are also given to homeowners and residents in the home.

The project is ongoing this week with applications for city residents being taken from 4-6 p.m. each day for all Albany City Limits residents

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Stearns working to secure transient fee passage to fund tourism promotion

With Albany and Clinton County located between two large lakes in one of the most beautiful areas in the state, it is no wonder that the tourism industry here is one of importance for revenues to the city and county each year.

In an attempt to increase the tourism and recreation industry and promote the area, Clinton County Judge's Administrative Assistant Penny Jo Stearns is attempting to get a tourism board created in the county to further promote the area.

Stearns said she first began considering the need for a tourism board when applying through the Lake Cumberland Area Development District for a small $4,000 Flex-e grant through the Appalachian Region Commission (ARC) to fund an internet site to promote the Albany and Clinton County area. Although that grant application was denied, she continued to work on the possibility of forming a Clinton County Tourism Board.

The only way such a seven-member body could be funded to operate, however, would be via a transient tax, or a tax levied on visitors to motels and restaurants in the county. Most of the tax would come from out-of-county tourists who stay at local lodging establishments and patronize local restaurants.

The tax amount, according to Stearns, could be anywhere from one to three percent on the dollar--or for example, one cent on each dollar spent at a restaurant or three cents on each dollar spent on lodging at a motel. In short, anyone spending $10 on a meal would pay a dime for the tax while a $60 per night motel room tax amount would be $1.80.

Stearns said that Clinton County was one of only a couple of counties in Kentucky that currently did not have some type of tourism board.

Such a transient tax, however, would have to be approved by the county's fiscal court before a

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New playground equipment should arrive in early May



An article in last week's Clinton County News announced that the Healthy Hometown Coalition Committee and the Clinton County Recreation Park Board had jointly awarded a bid for new playground equipment to an Ohio firm for new playground facilities at the Mountain View Recreation Park.

That bid, in the amount of $74,449.00, was made through a joint effort of those two local entities, as well as several other local groups and individuals who had joined in the effort to upgrade the playground area at the park located just north of Albany on U.S. 127.

Healthy Hometown Coalition Chairperson Paula Little has furnished the Clinton County News with a rendering from the company that submitted the successful bid, David Williams and Associates, shown at left, depicting the look and layout that the equipment will have, once it has been installed.

Little told the Clinton County News in releasing the computer generated rendering of the new equipment, that she expected the new equipment to be delivered during the first two weeks of May, and installation, which will be supervised by representatives from the company supplying the equipment, to be completed in about two days following delivery.

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Weather

Cooler temperatures beginning Friday, with highs in the upper 60s for the weekend. Rain Thursday and Friday, with clear and mostly sunny skies Saturday and early Sunday.

Last Year

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Fire heavily damages Ballenger home in south Albany

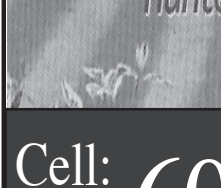
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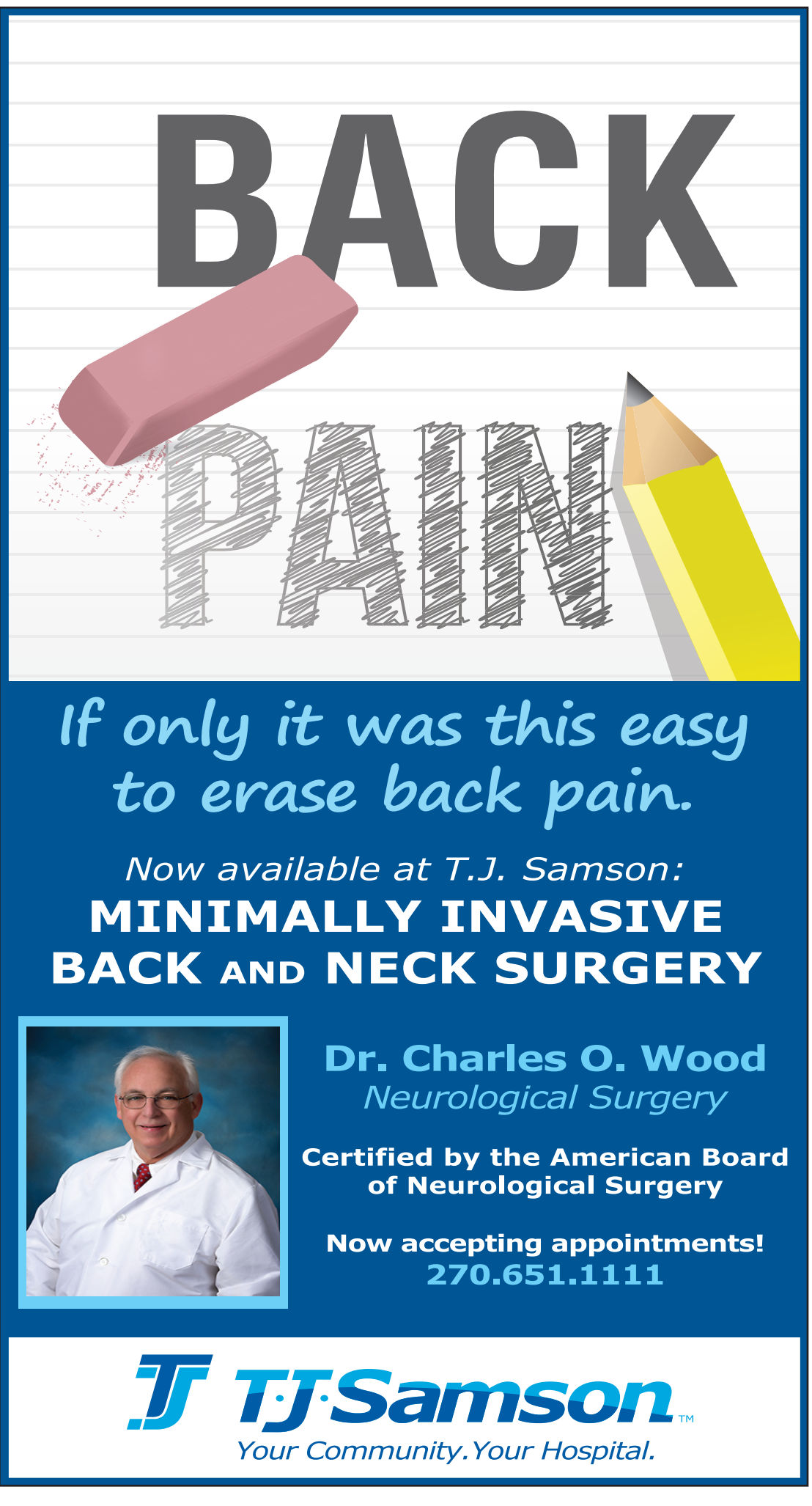
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THINGS TO DO

Twin Lakes Beekeepers to meet

The Twin Lakes Beekeepers Association will meet Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at the extension office. Those interested in beekeeping are welcome to attend.

Golf scramble in Jamestown

Lake Cumberland Golf Club in Jamestown is hosting a golf scramble at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2. Cost is $300 per 4-person team. Cash prizes. For more information call 270-343-4563.

Hope for Heroes Jake's Day

Hope for Heroes in Cumberland County will have the NWTF Tri-County Long Beards annual Jake's Day event Saturday, April 11 at 9 a.m. for kids 17 and under. There will be many events for them to participate in. Trophies and medallions will be given out, along with prize drawings. There will also be a trapping seminar. For directions and more information call Jeff Branham at 688-2645 or Jeff Sams at 270-406-2932.

IDA meeting scheduled

The Clinton County Industrial Development Authority meeting has been cancelled, due to illness, for Thursday, April 9 at 11 a.m. The meeting will be rescheduled at a later date.

Crafters Showcase at public library

A Crafters Showcase will be held Tuesday, April 28 from 3-6 p.m. at the Clinton County Public Library. Come see what the library has to offer. You never know what you'll find at the public library! For more information call 387-5989.

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Project Graduation tribute to seniors

Project Graduation Tribute to Seniors will be Sunday, April 12 at 2 p.m. at Clinton County High School. Pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, dessert and drink will be served for $6 starting at 12 noon. Proceeds will go to Project Graduation.

Board work session cancelled

The work session board meeting of the Clinton County Board of Education scheduled for Thursday, April 9 has been cancelled.

Class of '57 reunion

The CCHS Class of 1957 will have a reunion on Saturday, May 23 at the South Kentucky RECC building in Albany. The time will be 12 noon Central Time. This is for members, spouses or guests. Please try to come. For more information call 502-935-4860. Please leave your name and number.

25-2

Clean-up effort on Hwy. 734 and 1266 slated for Saturday, April 11

Residents of the areas along Ky. 734 and Hwy. 1266 are urged to help clean up their home county roads and surrounding area and at the same time, become a "Pick-Up Artist" by volunteering to pick up litter along those county roads.

An organized clean-up effort for those two roads has been set for Saturday, April 11, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until 12:00 noon. Anyone wishing to be involved is asked to meet at 8:00 a.m. at Junction Station to receive trash bags and orange vests to be worn during the detail.

Pick-up Artist organizers urge area residents to come out and "please help clean our beautiful road."

25-2

Cumberland County Project Graduation sponsoring Easter Pageant

The Cumberland County High School Project Graduation is sponsoring an Easter Pageant on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the Cumberland County Elementary School gymnasium in Burkesville.

Age categories include 0 months through 16 years and up for girls, 0 months through six years for boys, and 3-4 years and 5-6 years for couples. For additional information, contact Tammy Dyer at 270-459-2411.

Fiscal Court regular meeting

Clinton County Fiscal Court will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 16 at 5 p.m. at the courthouse. The meeting is open to the general public.

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Addiction information available

Narconon would like to remind families that the use of addicting drugs is on the rise. Take steps to protect your family from drug use. If you know anyone who is struggling with drug addiction get them the help they need.

Call for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. Narconon also offers free screenings and referrals. 800-431-1754 or DrugAbuseSolution.com.

Open House at public library

Open House will be held at the Clinton County Public Library on Tuesday, April 14 from 3-6 p.m. Come see what the library has to offer. Refreshments will be served. You never know what you will find at the library!

Head Start accepting applications

Lake Cumberland Head Start is now accepting applications for three and four year old children in the Clinton County area to participate in the 2015-16 school year. Head Start is a child development program that provides comprehensive services to income eligible parents and families with special needs. Qualified staff operates a center-based facility that is developmentally appropriate for children three to five years old. The center provides an environment with numerous learning opportunities and learning experiences that meet the needs of young children. Applications can be picked up at the Head Start center Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information contact the Head Start center at 386-8747.

24-8

Twin Lakes Family Wellness Center

Martial Arts

Ricky Pickens will offer an Adult Martial Arts class Monday 4 p.m. and a youth Martial Arts class Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Yoga Class

Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Cost per session is $5, class is free to members. For more information, please call 606-387-9622

Clogging

Learn to clog with Heather, Wednesdays, at 5 p.m. at the Wellness Center.

BIRTHS



Millie Reese Lowhorn

Daniel and Brandi Lowhorn of Byrdstown, Tennessee would like to announce the birth of their new baby girl, Millie Reese. Millie was born February 20, 2015, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. and measuring 20 3/4 inches long. Welcoming her home along with her parents are very proud grandparents Freddie and Paulette Maynard of Byrdstown, Brenda and Eddie Smith of Albany and Barry and Tammy Lowhorn of Byrdstown. Her great-grandparents are Eugene Stewart of Whitesburg, Tennessee, Suda Gunter of Byrdstown, Ruel and Helen Lowhorn and Daisy Robinson of Albany. Millie's living great-great-grandma is Audrey Stewart of Straughn, Indiana. God has truly blessed our family, we thank him dearly.

Library Notes

by: Gayla Duvall

What's new at the Clinton County Public Library? www.clintoncountypubliclibrary.org.

Best Sellers: *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins; *NYPD Red* by James Patterson; *Endangered* by C.J. Box; *Obsession in Death* by J.D. Robb; *Last One Home* by Debbie Macomber; *Prodigal Son* by Danielle Steel; *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah; *Killing Patton* by Bill O'Reilly; *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand.

April Programs: April 13-17 is National Library Week

Open House April 14, 3-6 p.m.

Crafters Showcase, April 28, 3-6 p.m. (if you would like to reserve a space call 387-5989).

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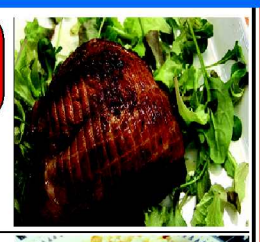
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Yes, Jesus was serious when he said only a few will find the narrow way, see Mt.7:14,15 and 2 Pet. 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless.

Please know Satan beguiled Eve with one lie. Today the effects of false preachers is catastrophic in number. Mt. 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

The sinless footsteps of Christ, is the narrow way. Preachers today are laying a sugar path of hypocrisy to draw souls away from santification. Godliness. righteousness, which is the the steps of Christ. Such preachers will deserve their reward received in judgment. Believing their sugar coated lies will be your ultimate regret.

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Let the readers write

Patches

by Forest F. Harvey

"Don't throw it away - Mend it" was the slogan of the MENDETS (REG. U.S. Pat. Off.).

Recently my wife found a display card with two MENDETS still attached. Cost 10 cents. These were used to patch holes in aluminum cookware as well as other household items in bygone times.

This brought to mind the era of using patches . When I was growing up people had to use whatever they had to survive.

Your button might or might not match. Children wore hand-me-downs, often darned or patched and passed down from older siblings or cousins. I did not have a brother so I never did get hand-me-downs but I had holes in my clothes, sweaters and socks that had to be patched or darned often. Grandpa would sometimes give me a pair of shoes that had been brought in for repair and never picked up. I would wear them to mow the grass, work in the garden or clean out the chicken house.

Let the readers write



Forest Harvey

Patches were put on by attaching the "patch", cutting the hole a little larger to cut away the weakened threads and putting on the patch made of like material inside the hole, put the edges under and stitched by hand. This was equal to the pieces of a beautiful quilt made by hand. I still sleep under some of them today in 2015.

My uncles Frank, Jim, John and Grandpa Abston would wear overalls that had patches on top of patches. In those days a lady would put her clothing that needed mending aside and reserve a special time to repair them.

My Grandma did neat needlework and was an artist with the process.

My wife, and mother of Edwin and Fred would do patches occasionally but was in the "iron on" era and kept the holes fixed. Sometimes Sears helped her with the knee patches.

I wore a few patches myself. I was always proud of a nice patch on my pants and still am to this day. Behind every patch is a loving mother or wife who was an artist in her own way.

Fast forward.....every day in Florida I see holes in pants with no patches ...all sizes, for children and both ladies and men. You can see their "hide out" and they are not the Lone Ranger.

This style with holes, no patches is very much sought-after and adds quite a lot to the cost of the garment today.

They say that "what goes around comes around". Perhaps the patches style will come back around soon?

Forest F. Harvey

CHURCH NEWS

Singing at Dicken Chapel

Journey Home will be singing Saturday, April 18 at 6 p.m. at Dicken Chapel Church. Everyone welcome.

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Spring revival at Concord UMC

Concord United Methodist Church will hold its Spring Revival on April 13, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Revival at Walnut Grove

Walnut Grove Methodist Church will have spring revival Monday, April 6 through Wednesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. nightly with evangelist Bro. Bobby Grant preaching and special singing nightly. Pastor Roger Jones and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Gospel Sounds to be at Green Grove

The "Gospel Sounds" will be at Green Grove Baptist Church on Sunday, April 12 at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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Emmanuel Catholic worship hours

Emmanuel Catholic Church, 2546 N Highway 127, Albany, Ky. 42602. Phone 606-387-7251. Mass: Saturday, 5:30 p.m. CST. Mass: Sunday, 8:00 a.m., CST.

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Representative Jeff Hoover asks Governor for committee to study teacher retirement during 2015 Interim Session

House Republican Floor Leader Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown, Monday called on Governor Steve Beshear to form a task force to begin a comprehensive review of the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System during the 2015 Interim Session. Rep. Hoover made his request to Governor Beshear in a letter sent to his office Monday afternoon.

"As you know we recently ended the 2015 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly without reaching an agreement to reform the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System. It is urgent that we learn what structural changes are needed as we seek to fully fund the system," Leader Hoover wrote. "For that reason I urge you to take immediate steps to form a bipartisan task force of House and Senate members, and persons in the private sector with expertise in pension reform to begin a thorough review during the 2015 Interim Session so we can address needed reforms during the 2016 Regular Session."

In his letter Leader Hoover pointed out that House Republicans have advocated for the last two years for a comprehensive study of KTRS, first with House Concurrent Resolution 179 during the 2014 Regular Session, and as an amendment to House Bill 4 which proposed to bond $3.3 billion for KTRS, and joining with Senate leaders during conference committee negotiations during the recently concluded 2015 Regular Session.

"Apparently there is a belief among some that the old 'borrow and spend' mentality is the way to fix the system," wrote Leader Hoover. "I would argue that you wouldn't borrow money to build a house without knowing all the specific costs, especially if there are ways to save money by reviewing all aspects of construction."

"For the sake of all Kentucky teachers, both our retirees and our current educators, we simply cannot wait another year to address the structural deficiencies in the KTRS system," Leader Hoover continued in his letter to Governor Beshear. "I stand ready, along with the members of my caucus, to not only assist in your efforts to establish a task force but to also serve on it as well. The issue of our teachers' retirement is of great concern to all members of the House Republican Caucus, and I urge you to take action immediately."

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"My Name Is Stephanas And I Am An Addict" • May 3 - 8:00 a.m.
"The School Of Storms" • May 9 - 9:00 a.m.
"My Three Fears As A Fundamentalist" • May 10 - 8:00 a.m.
"Does Any Christian Have A Fear For The Condition of Our Country" • May 16 - 9:00 a.m.
"A Voice From Beyond The Grave" • May 17 - 8:00 a.m.
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"Fences That Will Keep You From The Far Country" • May 31 - 8:00 a.m.
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"Where Old Time Christianity Will Take You & Me" • June 7 - 8:00 a.m.
"Cutting Off The Voice Of God" • June 13 - 9:00 a.m.
"Alone" • June 14 - 8:00 a.m.
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DEATHS

Anthony C. (Tony) Haggard

Anthony C. (Tony) Haggard, 67, Golden Harvest Village, Albany, passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at UK Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Paul C. and Lucille Collins Haggard and a Marine veteran.

He is survived by two aunts, Eva Johnson, New York, NY; Pauline Murray, Hardin Co., KY; an uncle, Tiny Collins, IN; special friend, Geneva Flowers, Albany.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 3, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Weldon Haddix Funeral Home with Rev. David Stearns officiating. Arrangements were made through Weldon Haddix Funeral Home of Albany.

Monrie Lowhorn

Monrie Lowhorn, 90, Spring St., Albany, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2015 at her residence. She was a member of Lee's Chapel United Methodist Church and was preceded in death by a daughter, Patsy Koger.

She is survived by her husband, Will Ed Lowhorn; a grandson, Shane McWhorter, both of Albany; a great-grandson, Kobe McWhorter; a brother, Morris Pittman, Tennessee.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 9 at 1 p.m. at Talbott Funeral Home with Bro. Bobby Sexton officiating. Final resting place in Peolia Cemetery. Arrangements are being made through Talbott Funeral Home of Albany.



Betty Louise Sloan Smith

Betty Louise Sloan Smith, 84, Shortcut Rd., Albany, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at Clinton County Hospital. She was the wife of the late John B. Smith, Jr., a member of Albany United Methodist Church, and a retired school teacher with the Clinton County Board of Education. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Arlo and Bud Sloan, and a sister, Addie Lee Kissinger.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Nicky and Becky Smith; Tony Smith; and Barry and Katherine Smith, all of Albany; three grandchildren, Leslie Smith, Nick (Staci) Thrasher and Chris Thrasher; two great-grandchildren, Jersie Sloan Louise Smith and Haleigh Jo Thrasher; special niece and nephews, Janice Sloan Boklage, Edgar Cross and Brian Anderson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Albany United Methodist Church with Bro. Charlie Shoemaker officiating. Final resting place in Hillcrest Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Talbott Funeral Home of Albany.



Doris Kathrine Perdue

Doris Kathrine Perdue, 76, Monticello, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at Clinton County Hospital. She was the wife of the late Hack Perdue, a member of Central Union Separate Baptist Church in Wayne County and was also preceded in death by three brothers, Jack, Don "Red" and John Huffaker.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Jetona and Barry Hudson, Somerset, KY; Sabra and Joey Albertson, Monticello, KY; two sisters, Vivian Smith, London, KY; Pauline Kutche, Richmond, IN; a brother, Bill Huffaker, Monticello, KY; also six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Talbott Funeral Home with Bro. Kenny Stinson officiating. Final resting place in Cave Springs Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Talbott Funeral Home of Albany.

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Overton County Sheriff's Department reportedly arrested a man wanted in Ohio and recovered stolen property including an automobile in an investigation last week.

According to an arrest report filed by OCSD Deputy James West, Gary Thomas Thompson, 32, of Massillon, Ohio, was arrested on charges of vehicle theft and theft of property. Later, West and OCSD Sgt. Shane Barlow reportedly found out Thompson was wanted as a fugitive from justice in Ohio.

The narrative filed by West said he was dispatched to a residence on Rickman Road in Rickman Saturday, March 21 to take a theft report. He reported the victim was "very upset."

"The (victim) informed me that earlier in the day she was sleeping, and when she got up around 1:30 p.m. that many of her personal items were missing from the residence," the narrative said.

Reportedly, the victim had noticed that her purse, containing $200 and credit cards, had been stolen. Upon further investigation, West's report said the victim found other items missing. Listed as stolen were:

* A 2003 Oldsmobile Alero valued at approximately $5,000. The car reportedly had damage on the driver side door area.

* Computer hardware and software valued at approximately $600. The items were described as two Hewlett-Parckard laptops--one red, the other blue.

* A set of three diamond rings valued at approximately $1,000.

* Cash in the amount of $600.

* A ZTE Straight Talk mobile phone valued at approximately $200.

* The credit and debit cards missing with the victim's purse.

Of those items, the Oldsmobile, the mobile phone, and the purse--emptied of the credit cards and cash--were recovered, according to the report.

The narrative of West's report said the victim has spoken with someone who had seen her with someone who had her vehicle at the Mapco fueling station on Willow Avenue in Cookeville around 5 p.m. the day the theft report was taken. West said the victim claimed to have learned that Thompson was driving the car, and that he planned to take it to Manchester. West said he called in a BOLO (be on the lookout) notice for the vehicle so other agencies nearby would be watching for it.

The victim reportedly told West that she knew Thompson for only three weeks, and that she had moved to Tennessee from Ohio about a year ago. She reportedly told West that Thompson was unemployed and had most recently worked for the Bellacino's restaurant in Cookeville. The victim reportedly told West she only knew Thompson's first and last name.

Using that information, West said he called Bellacino's in Cookeville and obtained the owner's approval to confirm Thompson was a former employee. The manager reportedly provided West with Thompson's driver's license number. The report said the number was that of an Ohio driver's license. West said when he called in the license number to dispatch, it came back as a suspended license.

The following day, West said he received a call from the victim stating she had found out her car was parked at an apartment complex on South Washington Avenue in Cookeville. West said he informed Cookeville Police Department of the car's reported location, and they dispatched an officer to the apartments.

Roughly 30 minutes later, West said he was contacted by a Cookeville police officer who said the vehicle had been located, the report said. West said he called the victim again to tell her the car had been found.

The report said West then asked the victim if she knew of Thompson's whereabouts, which she denied.

"I did hear a male voice in the background of her conversation with me," West noted in the narrative.

Concerned the victim may be under duress, West said he informed dispatch that he was going to the victim's residence again. Barlow reportedly headed to the residence at the same time.

When the deputies arrived at the victim's residence, the report said they asked her again if she knew of Thompson's location. The narrative said she denied knowing where he was. When West said he asked to search the residence, he said the victim became defensive and stated Thompson was not in the residence.

"She eventually consented to a search within the area of only the living room and kitchen, specifically stating not in her child's far back bedroom, and not in her bedroom next to the door, which we were standing in," west said.

West said he searched the agreed-upon area, but did not find Thompson. He said he pointed toward the victim's bedroom door and asked her if Thompson was in that room. She initially denied that Thompson was in the room, the report said.

"I informed her of the possibility of charging her with false reporting if she denies he is inside and he is found to be," West said. With the victim still uncooperative, West reportedly asked Barlow to request a warrant, at which point she recanted.

"She then said, 'Hold on,' that she was wanting to go into the bedroom area and would return," West said.

With Barlow outside keeping an eye on the bedroom windows, West said he stood at the bedroom door and heard the victim say, "Gary, they told me that they could charge me with false reporting and that they were going to get a warrant."

West then said he called for Barlow to join him at the bedroom door, where they waited for the victim to come out of the bedroom. When she emerged, the report said a second woman emerged with her, and the deputies reportedly entered the bedroom. They did not find Thompson, the report said, but did notice a bathroom door that was closed. The report said the other female, who was unidentified in the report, identified that Thompson was in the bathroom. West said she also told him that Thompson did not have a weapon.

West said, "I ordered Gary Thompson to come out of the bathroom. The male subject in the bathroom said he was not Gary and that he was using the bathroom. I again ordered him to come out. He repeated that he was not Gary and that he was using the bathroom and to give him time to finish.

"Sgt. Barlow and I forced entry into the bathroom by kicking the door in," West continued. "Mr. Gary Thompson was sitting on the floor with his cell phone in his hands."

West said after arresting Thompson, he learned that Thompson was considered an escape risk and had been tagged by other agencies as someone likely to be carrying a concealed weapon. The narrative said Thompson had a history of resisting arrest, aggravated armed robbery with weapons, violent tendencies, and drug use and should be considered armed and dangerous.

In addition to the theft of property and vehicle theft charges, Thompson was reportedly arrested because he was a fugitive from Ohio.

RUSSELL COUNTY NEWS-REGISTER
Russell Springs

Russell County is getting ready to join the massive potential of online booking for accommodations, and almost every rental in the area is on board, according to Russell County Tourism Director Janette Marson.

When you're ready to vacation, how do you go about deciding where you're going and where you're going to stay when you get there?

Trends show more and more that people know their general destination, but will look online to see their specific destination, and then book accommodations accordingly.

For example, you want to get away to the Smoky Mountains next weekend, but you don't have a specific destination in mind and you're feeling adventurous. If you go online, type Smoky Mountains and cabin rentals in the search bar. Voila! You will most likely reach a website that lists tens, hundreds, if not thousands, of possibilities.

Sure, that sounds like too much to handle, but once you type in a few details, like how many rooms you'd like, do you want a balcony? How about a hot tub? What price range are you looking for? Before you know it you've found just what you're looking for, you've pulled out your credit card and booked yourself just what you're looking for from the comfort of your living room or even your bed on a sleepless 2 a.m. night.

This is the way of vacation rentals these days, but it has not been for most vacation rental lodging in Russell County. Not until now anyway.

Beginning this year most Russell County vacation hotel, motel and cabin rentals in the county will become a part of an initiative by the local tourism commission to allow for online booking, and Marson couldn't be more excited for the potential the new venture will produce.

Last summer she began looking at some of the major tourism areas across the U.S. and noticed that some used a sort of cooperative online booking system.

She wasn't certain how or if we could make such a system in Russell County, being that most accommodations are locally owned, nor did we have a big brand name hotel. After a while she set the idea aside, until a new member to the tourism board brought the subject up again and she decided it was time to look very seriously into the idea.

The company she was seeing was JackRabbit Systems, the "tourism and travel industry's preferred choice for development of custom travel search engines for destination and travel portal websites" as their website describes.

According to Tom Rickert, Executive Vice-President of JackRabbit Systems, "We work with 258 tourism organizations, which is by far the largest. I think number two has about 70, and then it drops to under 20 after that, and they're all third party booking engines.

"We've had a tremendous impact on the market," Rickert said. "And no one else has this proprietary system to only, 100 percent of the time, drive direct bookings."

Other cities and even small towns have used this and have grown expotentially, Marson said, remarking that her understanding is much of the explosion in tourism in Gatlinburg and expanded areas of Florida were due to localized online booking websites.

"They have said that almost immediately from the inception of the program, businesses booking for lodging will increase 30 to 40 percent right off the bat, so that's huge for us," said Marson.

Rickert explained their service this way. "We are a search engine and not a booking engine. How I mean that is, our technology platform does have booking solution functionality when a visitor inputs their desired travel dates and within seconds they get a list of properties that have availability and the lowest available price that matches up to the desired travel dates for the visitor."

So far it sounds like the kind of third party booking site you may be familiar with, but it's not, according to Rickert.

"The way that we differentiate ourselves from everybody else within the marketplace, and not just domestic marketplace but global, we are the only solution that then drives that visitor to the hotel's reservations system to complete that reservation directly."

Rickert explained that third party booking sites charge fees for their service, something his service does not do. Yet even the smaller rental owners can be listed, even if they don't have their own website.

"Consumers prefer to book direct and they want full transparency in inventory in the market," Rickert said. "And that's what we provide. Our competitors charge the lodging properties fees and commissions; we do not charge them any fees or commissions because we license our technology to Russell County Tourism."

Though this is the digital age, some still are not that comfortable with the internet. For them JackRabbit Systems will help set up a "micro site" which Rickert said they can have set up and the business trained to accept reservations quickly.

"We can provide that to them, and it's a very elegant system," he said. "And we can help properties get set up, seriously, within 15 to 20 minutes."

"They will have to manage part of their inventory, because they've never accepted online reservations before, but this opens them up to a whole new set of customers that prefer to book online."

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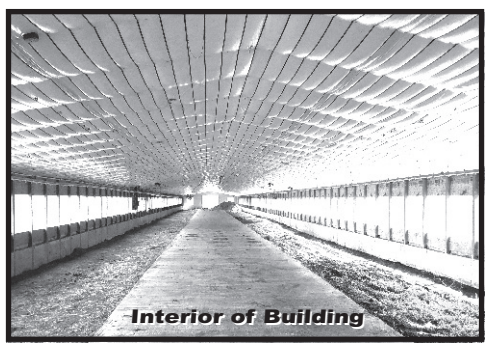
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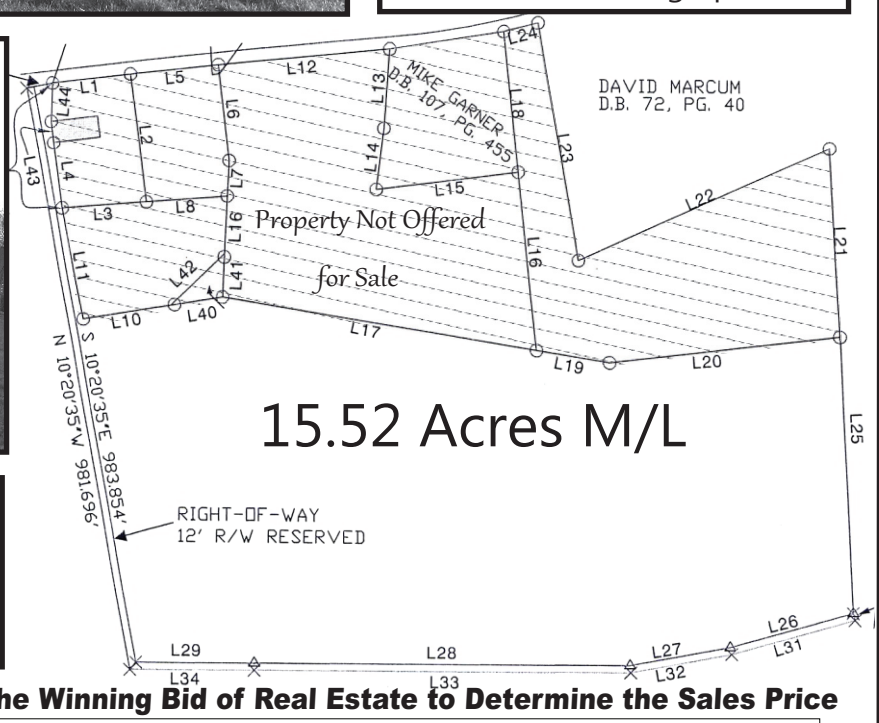
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Extension Notes

Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Understanding grass tetany

Source: Michelle Arnold, extension ruminant veterinarian

Spring in the Bluegrass is a great time of greening and warming, but it's also a time when livestock producers need to watch out for grass tetany, also called spring tetany or grass staggers. Some people also refer to it as wheat pasture poisoning, winter tetany or lactation tetany. Regardless, it's a condition caused by an abnormally low level of magnesium in the blood of livestock.

Maintenance of normal blood magnesium is completely dependent on absorption of magnesium from the diet. Deficiencies occur most often in beef and dairy cows in early lactation that graze lush pastures high in potassium and nitrogen and low in magnesium and sodium. Affected cattle often have low blood calcium. Typically grass tetany occurs when grazing ryegrass, small grains (i.e. wheat, rye) and cool season perennial grasses from February through April, although it can occur in fall-calving cows. Fast-growing spring grass is usually high in potassium and crude protein and low in sodium and magnesium.

The earliest signs are twitching of the facial muscles, shoulder and flank. As the blood magnesium level drops, muscles stay contracted, so legs are stiff and rigid and eventually cause the cow to stagger and fall. Rapid convulsions or seizures quickly follow, with chomping of the jaws and frothy salivation.

Affected animals lie with the head arched back and the legs paddling. The heart rate may reach 150 beats per minute (normal is 60 to 80) and can often be heard without the use of a stethoscope. Respiratory rates of 60 breaths per minute and a rectal temperature as high as 105 degrees F may result from the excessive muscle activity. Animals may stand up and repeat these convulsive episodes several times before they finally die. A moderate form of grass tetany can occur with milder signs of reduced feed intake, nervousness and reduced milk production.

A veterinarian makes a diagnosis based on history, clinical signs and low magnesium levels in the blood or spinal fluid.

Animals with grass tetany need immediate veterinary treatment. Response to treatment depends largely on the length of time between onset of symptoms and when treatment begins.

Producers who want to prevent grass tetany should start supplementing feed with a high magnesium mineral at least 30 days prior to calving. Cows require 20 grams of magnesium daily or four ounces per day of a 15-percent magnesium mineral mix during the late winter and early spring. Don't let your mineral feeders get empty, because consistent intake is important for prevention. Kentucky Beef Integrated Resource Management (IRM) mineral recommendations for free-choice supplements for grazing beef cattle include 14 percent magnesium in the complete mineral mix—all from magnesium oxide, no dolomitic limestone or magnesium mica. At least a third of your magnesium oxide should be in the prilled form to increase palatability.

In addition to supplying supplemental magnesium, you can do several things to decrease the risk of grass tetany. These include:

1. Soil test and apply fertilizer based on soil test results and use no more potassium than recommended, since grasses are luxury consumers of potassium.

2. Feed legumes that are high in magnesium to help offset the problem, although their growth is often limited in late winter.

3. Feed small amounts of hay and/or grain to cattle on lush pasture during susceptible periods or limit grazing to two to three hours per day.

4. Graze the less susceptible or non-lactating animals (heifers, dry cows, stocker cattle) on the higher risk pastures.

For more information on grass tetany, contact the Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service at 606-387-5404.

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Clinton Area Technology Center HOSA members attend state conference



Several of the Clinton County Area Technology Center's Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) student-led organization along with their instructors/advisors Billie Frye, RN and Cindy Albertson, RN attended the HOSA State Leadership Conference held in Louisville from March 12-13. Those attending and competing in the conference were: Taylor Buster and Ashley Harper, Career Health Display; Macy Looper, Extemporaneous Health Poster; Carley Miller, Nursing Assistant; and Makayla Lee, Marika Lowhorn, Emily Frye, and Sarah Albertson, HOSA Bowl.

Pictured above, left to right are: Billie Frye, RN, Taylor Buster, Emily Frye, Sarah Albertson, Marika Lowhorn, Ashley Harper, Macy Looper, Makayla Lee, Carley Miller, and Cindy Albertson, RN

Clinton County ATC students raise money for 'Pennies for Patients'



The students in Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Advisors Billie Frye, RN and Cindy Albertson, RN; Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Advisor Holly Claborn; and SKILLS USA Advisor Jason Harlan, of the KY Tech Clinton County Area Technology Center, raised $100.00 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients' fundraiser. This fundraiser is to help persons suffering from blood cancers such as Leukemia and Multiple Myeloma. This is an excellent opportunity for the students to assist others who are in need of medical support.

Pictured above, first row, left to right: Levi Barber and Alex Beaty. Back row, left to right: Debra Johnson, Macy Looper, Marika Lowhorn, Makayla Lee, Ashley Harper, and Dana Osborne.

Sheriff's Department releases March activity report

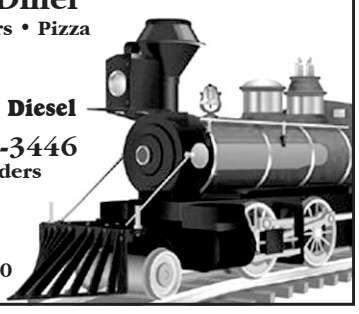
The Clinton County Sheriff's Department has released its activity report for the month of March 2015.

During the month, the department served 28 subpoenas, 50 summons, made 42 arrests, wrote 90 citations, served 32 warrants, inspected 76 vehicles and assisted 10 motorists.

Aside from the 60 counts each of fraudulent use of a credit card and criminal possession of a forged instrument second degree in relation to the organized crime arrests of three Georgia residents, the most arrests were made for failure to appear (17) and (14) for theft by deception, including cold checks under $500.

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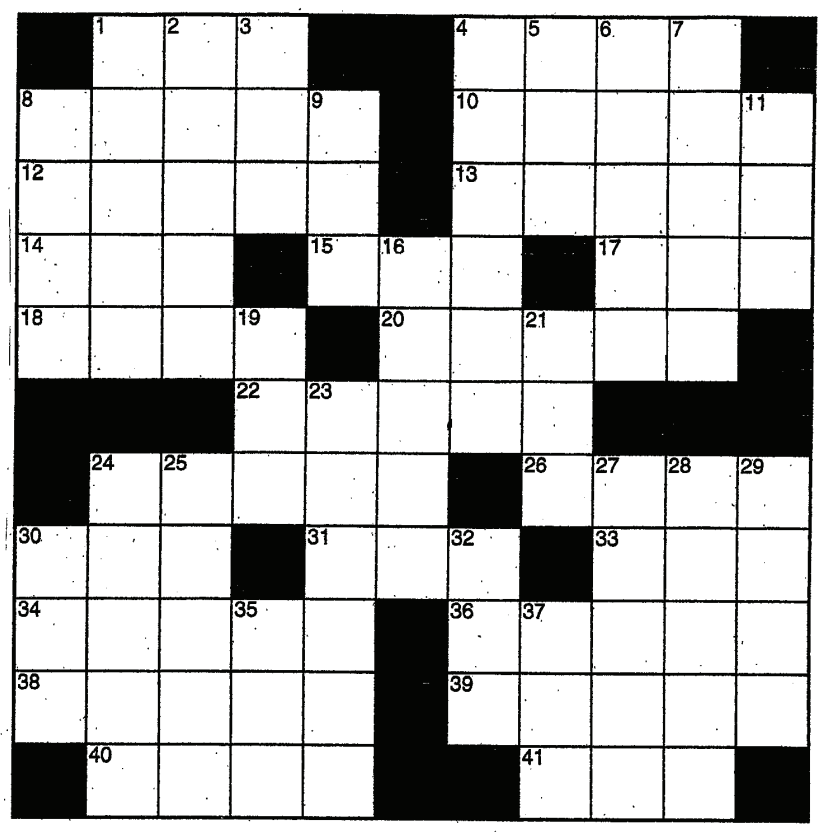
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39. Part of a whole

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President Truman relieves General MacArthur of his duties

1945
The U.S. army liberates Buchenwald concentration camp

April 12, 1861
The Civil War begins

1961
First man in space

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1997
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1975
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April 15 1967
Antiwar protests held in New York and San Francisco

2013
Hundreds injured, three killed in Boston Marathon bombing

1947
Jackie Robinson suits up for Brooklyn

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) founded by Henry Bergh

April 10, 1866

On April 10, 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) is founded in New York City by philanthropist and diplomat Henry Bergh, 54.

In 1863, Bergh had been appointed by President Abraham Lincoln to a diplomatic post at the Russian court of Czar Alexander II. It was there that he was horrified to witness work horses beaten by their peasant drivers. En route back to America, a June 1865 visit to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in London awakened his determination to secure a charter not only to incorporate the ASPCA but to exercise the power to arrest and prosecute violators of the law.

Back in New York, Bergh pleaded on behalf of "these mute servants of mankind" at a February 8, 1866, meeting at Clinton Hall. He argued that protecting animals was an issue that crossed party lines and class boundaries. "This is a matter purely of conscience; it has no perplexing side issues," he said. "It is a moral question in all its aspects." The speech prompted a number of dignitaries to sign his "Declaration of the Rights of Animals."

Bergh's impassioned accounts of the horrors inflicted on animals convinced the New York State legislature to pass the charter incorporating the ASPCA on April 10, 1866. Nine days later, the first effective anti-cruelty law in the United States was passed, allowing the ASPCA to investigate complaints of animal cruelty and to make arrests.

Bergh was a hands-on reformer, becoming a familiar sight on the streets and in the courtrooms of New York. He regularly inspected slaughter houses, worked with police to close down dog- and rat-fighting pits and lectured in schools and to adult societies. In 1867, the ASPCA established and operated the nation's first ambulance for horses.

As the pioneer and innovator of the humane movement, the ASPCA quickly became the model for more than 25 other humane organizations in the United States and Canada. And by the time Bergh died in 1888, 37 of the 38 states in the Union had passed anti-cruelty laws.

Bergh's dramatic street rescues of mistreated horses and livestock served as a model for those trying to protect abused children. After Mary Ellen McCormack, 9, was found tied to a bed and brutally beaten by her foster parents in 1874, activists founded the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Bergh served as one of the group's first vice presidents.

First launching of the space shuttle

April 12, 1981

The space shuttle Columbia is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, becoming the first reusable manned spacecraft to travel into space. Piloted by astronauts Robert L. Crippen and John W. Young, the Columbia undertook a 54-hour space flight of 36 orbits before successfully touching down at California's Edwards Air Force Base on April 14.

On September 17, 1976, NASA publicly unveiled its first space shuttle, the Enterprise, during a ceremony in Palmdale, California. Development of the aircraft-like spacecraft cost almost $10 billion and took nearly a decade. In 1977, the Enterprise became the first space shuttle to fly freely when it was lifted to a height of 25,000 feet by a Boeing 747 airplane and then released, gliding back to Edwards Air Force Base on its own accord.

Regular flights of the space shuttle began on April 12, 1981, with the launching of Columbia. Launched by two solid-rocket boosters and an external tank, only the aircraft-like shuttle entered into orbit around Earth. When the mission was completed, the shuttle fired engines to reduce speed and, after descending through the atmosphere, landed like a glider. Early shuttles took satellite equipment into space and carried out various scientific experiments. On January 28, 1986, NASA and the space shuttle program suffered a major setback when the Challenger exploded 74 seconds after takeoff and all seven people aboard were killed.

In September 1988, space shuttle flights resumed with the successful launching of the Discovery. In subsequent years, the space shuttle carried out numerous important missions, such as the repair and maintenance of the Hubble Space Telescope and the construction and manning of the International Space Station.

A tragedy in space again rocked the nation on February 1, 2003, when Columbia, on its 28th mission, disintegrated during re-entry of the earth's atmosphere. All seven astronauts aboard were killed. In the aftermath, the space-shuttle program was grounded until Discovery returned to space in July 2005, amid concerns that the problems that had downed Columbia had not yet been fully solved.

Clinton County News Headlines

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Fryman announces for sheriff

Richard Fryman, 25 year old farmer of Route 3, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nonination for Sheriff of Clinton County. Primary election will be in 1961.

Fryman, a native of Bourbon County, is married to the former Reba McWhorter, Clinton County, and has lived near Cumberland City since 1956. He was a staff sergeant in the Korean War, and a graduate of Airborne and Ranger school, with four years in service.

Eastern Kentucky has 27 enrolled from county

Twenty-seven Clinton Countians are among the 2,965 students enrolled for the spring semester, 1959-60 school year at Eastern Kentucky State College. Clinton Countians enrolled include Obie Lee Asberry; Daryl Beck Brown; James Clayton Brown; Mary Sue Brown; Otis Russell Brown; Deward Cole; Willadean Hazel Cross; James Everage DeForest; James Emerson Huddleston; Marie Luttrell Johnson; Betty Tuck Pillar; Katherine Lenora Pillar; Anna Velma J. Polston; Norma Jean Rains; Earnest Paul Rector; Charles W. Shelton; Laura Alice Sidwell; Otha Dallas Sidwell; Lanny Edgar Weaver; Luther Wilson York; Mildred G. Denney; Alleen Frances Gibson; Malinda Lucille Gibson; Shirley Mae Marcum; Wanda C. Marcum Perdue; and Hazel Noreen Sell.

High school students to learn facts of life on highways

Students at Clinton County High School will have front row seats Thursday, April 14, 1 p.m. when some of their classmates learn the facts of life on the highways.

Howard Thrasher said the event will be in the nature of a test-demonstration, designed to disprove the old notion that a car can be "stopped on a dime."

Two students, a faculty member, and a policeman will take turns at the wheel of a specially equipped car -- and they'll bring it to an emergency stop while traveling at 20, 30, or 40 miles an hour. Other students will check results.

The car is equipped so that distances can be measured accurately An emergency signal light is mounted on the hood and three pistols are fastened to the front bumper. Aimed straight at the pavement, the pistols fire bullets of yellow paint which mark points at which the driver (1) sees the signal, (2) slams on the brakes, and (3) stops the car.

The demonstrations will be preceded by a student assembly during which students will be briefed on the demonstration and hear an illustrated talk on the importance of driver attitudes.

Coin-operated laundry opens

The Helpy-Selfy coin operated laundry has opened for business in the Harley Cross building in South Albany. The business is owned by Clarence Bray, Edgar Weaver, and Robert Chilton. See ad in this issue for opening special.

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Tourism

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board could be put into place--something that apparently has been attempted here in the past and failed.

Should a tourism board be formed, it would be made up of seven members, using KRS guidelines, with the members including a representative from the restaurant business, one from the motel industry, one from the local chamber of commerce and two each appointed by the county's fiscal court and Albany City Council. Although the city would appoint two members to the board, they are apparently not required to have to vote on whether or not to put on a transient tax.

Stearns believes a tourism board would be highly beneficial to the city and county, with the body's primary functions being in the area of promoting the area across the rest of the state and the country, letting everyone know about the lakes, recreational opportunities, commerce, and even the industrial opportunities the county has to offer.

The funding of the board would come from the tax and the use of the funds, under state statutes, is limited and cannot be used by either city or county government, but could be used for promoting the aforementioned benefits the city and county has to offer.

Stearns said such a board could also apply for matching type state grants for certain projects.

In an effort to involve the community in the idea, Stearns said she has discussed the possibility of a tourism board with the mayor, the local chamber of commerce and others.

Stearns first briefly outlined her efforts for such a tourism board at the last meeting of Clinton Fiscal Court and apparently intends to present the idea of possibly taking action to implement a transient tax at the next regular meeting on April 16.

Device

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Shortcut Rd. or the 127 By-Pass.

The names of the person or persons responsible for building and obtaining the explosive device, which ended up being what is being described by authorities as a "pipe bomb," hasn't been released by the Kentucky State Police.

It was confirmed by Marcum that juveniles were involved and those names will most likely not be released to the public.

The Clinton County News contacted KSP Detective Chris Walker Monday morning concerning the investigation, and at that time, he said no one has been charged in the incident, but the investigation is ongoing.

Officials kept the parking lot blocked off for nearly four hours late Saturday night into early Sunday morning.

Most of the down time was due to the arrival of the KSP HDU or Hazardous Devices Unit to travel from Frankfort to assess the situation.

Just after 2 a.m. Sunday morning, a loud bang was heard, resulting in the bomb squad disassembling the pipe bomb with a remote control robotic unit.

According to KSP Trooper Warinner, the robotic unit is similar to those used oversees in the military.

The KSP HDU consists of four hazardous devices technicians certified by the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Technicians have received training in aspects of hazardous materials response in accordance with the Occupation Safety and Health Administration regulations. They are also certified with Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

The investigation is ongoing by the Kentucky State Police, Albany Police Department and the Clinton County Sheriff's Department.

Report finds many Kentucky rural hospitals are in financial trouble

As many as one-third of Kentucky's rural hospitals are in poor financial shape, and the survival of some will likely depend on their willingness to adopt new business models, state Auditor Adam Edelen said recently.

Unveiling a nine-month study, Edelen said 15 of 44 hospitals examined were in "poor financial health" and warned, "Closure may be an unfortunate reality for some."

The study did not include 22 of the 66 Kentucky hospitals that are located outside metropolitan areas. Edelen said those hospitals are mainly privately owned. If they had been included, Kentucky Hospital Association CEO Michael Rust said, the financial picture "would be better, but I don't think they would be substantially different."

Gov. Steve Beshear said the report was "a dated snapshot" because its most recent data was from 2013, before federal health reform was fully implemented. "Conditions are no longer the same," Beshear said in a news release. "Hospitals received more than $506 million in 2014 through new Medicaid expansion payments, while seeing significant reductions in uncompensated care costs. These are huge changes to hospitals' bottom lines that are not shown here."

Edelen, who was Beshear's first chief of staff, said the full effect of federal health reform isn't certain. His report noted that Kentucky hospitals have had higher-than-average penalties from Medicare for readmitting patients within 30 days, a newly implemented feature of the law. Forty of the 63 hospitals penalized were rural, and nine of the 39 in the U.S. that got the maximum penalty were in Kentucky.

"This report doesn't speak to causation," by the reform law or the state's relatively new managed-care system for Medicaid, Edelen said, it is "not a rebuke" of either, but provides "a baseline for monitoring" by policy-makers at the state and local levels.

The report says that to survive, rural hospitals must adopt to new business models, such as merging with larger hospitals or hiring them as managers, forming coalitions, or finding a healthcare niche that hasn't been served.

Edelen cited Rockcastle County Hospital, which has become a niche provider of ventilator dependent care and the coalition formed by Morehead's St. Claire Regional Medical Center and Highlands Regional Hospital in Paintsville to provide more efficient care, improve patient access and adapt to changes under the reform law.

Adaptations might be a hard pill to swallow for many rural hospitals because they call for yet more change in the rapidly changing health-care landscape of electronic health records, managed care, Medicaid expansion and full implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Edelen said adaptation is important for rural communities, for whom "the importance of rural hospitals cannot be understated. They provide health care to 45 percent of Kentuckians and in every community they serve they act as one of the larger employers, paying a significant higher wage than the average community experiences."

He also cited many small hospitals that have formed relationships with larger networks to relieve the increased administrative burden associated with the three-year-old managed-care system. The report says half the hospitals studied have reported an increase in hours spent on administration.

The report suggested that the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services negotiate better contracts with managed-care organizations, partly to streamline MCO rules and paperwork to reduce the administrative burden. "We are optimistic that the current work of the cabinet to improve these contracts is going to bear real fruit," Edelen said.

The new contracts will start July 1. In an interview, Cabinet Secretary Audrey Haynes sounded optimistic about them but said she couldn't give details.

Haynes has been saying since she became secretary threes years ago that many hospitals must change the way they do business. She said in an interview that the readmission penalties have forced hospitals to change by providing better discharge planning, and utilizing outpatient services like home health, nursing homes and rehabilitation.

One Kentucky hospital, in Nicholas County, has closed in the last year. Haynes said the cabinet is working with Fulton County, whose hospital was scheduled to close March 31, to explore how to continue providing care at that facility, such as an emergency room or an ambulatory surgical center.

Haynes recommended in the interview that all nonprofit hospitals put audited financial records and their tax returns on their websites and adhere to open-meeting laws.

In lengthy response, included in the report, Haynes rejected Edelen's suggestion that her cabinet regularly monitor the fiscal strength of rural hospitals. She said in the interview that would pose a conflict of interest, since the cabinet regulates the hospitals.

Edelen's analysis of hospitals' financial health was based on percentage of revenue kept as profit, number of days of cash on hand, debt financing, and depreciation. It found that the financial condition of 68 percent of Kentucky's rural hospitals scored below the national average.

Edelen's office also surveyed rural hospital administrators, held 11 public hearings and met with representatives of all five Medicaid managed-care companies. His report found that:

* Rural hospitals that were geographically well-positioned, such as Pikeville Medical Center, scored high while geographically-isolated hospitals, like those in Clinton and Wayne counties, scored low. The Clinton County Hospital is in bankruptcy to restructure debt incurred for an expansion and modernization.

* The Pikeville hospital, formerly Pikeville Methodist, was one of only three judged to be in excellent financial health. The others were critical-access hospitals in Franklin and Morganfield.

* Critical-access hospitals, which limit their beds, services and patient stays to qualify for federal reimbursement at 101 percent of cost, scored better than regular acute-care hospitals. They accounted for seven of the 14 that were above the national average and thus were rated "good."

* Fifteen hospitals were rated "fair" and 15 were rated "poor." Westlake Regional Hospital in Columbia, which is in bankruptcy, was at the bottom, far worse than the next highest, St. Joseph Mount Sterling.

* The number of health-care providers across the state--particularly in rural Kentucky--dropped significantly between 2013 and 2014. The cabinet disputed this finding, based on different measurements.

(The preceding article was written by Al Cross and Melissa Patrick of the Kentucky Health News.

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LEO

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through Friday at the Foothills Building on the square across from the courthouse.

The groups had initially decided to go "door-to-door" to take applications from residents who need a smoke alarm, but instead opted to set up at a central location to allow people a place and times to come and sign-up to get the smoke detectors. They targeted the city residents first and will then give all county residents in need of a smoke alarm a chance to sign up.

Not only does the project provide free smoke detectors, but can also give more than one per home if a dwelling is more than a one-story site. For example, if a home has a basement, and/or an upstairs, they can get a free smoke alarm for each level of the home.

Even more, anyone who already has a working smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old can get a free replacement and residents who have smoke alarms can also receive free batteries to be installed in those detectors.

Another goal of the group is to educate the public of the importance of having an operable smoke alarm in their home and help them make it part of a routine to keep them operating properly by checking to make sure they work, changing batteries when needed, etc.

Albany Fire Chief Robert Roeper expressed the importance of smoke alarms in homes, saying that when a home is on fire, smoke will actually not wake a person, but actually make them sleep, but the sound of a smoke alarm will usually awaken people. "Some people don't think a smoke alarm is important...until you've had a fire, then it's too late," he said.

Both the fire department and Red Cross have worked many fires where there were no smoke detectors at all in the home and in some cases, there may be smoke alarms that either aren't working or where the batteries have gone dead.

The smoke detectors will be delivered in May and will be installed on May 9 and 16 (Saturdays).

The Leo Club members, a Red Cross Representative, and members of the Albany Fire Department will form teams from each organization to deliver and install the smoke alarms to residents to receive the smoke alarms.

Williams noted that Leo Club members would remain outside the residence while Red Cross members would supply information on escape plans in case of fire, and so forth and the fire department member would actually install the new detector and/or batteries. She said that members who are under 18 would also be accompanied by an adult during the process of delivering the devices to the homes.

It should be stressed that the ongoing project is free to all homes in the county, as well as the importance of having smoke alarms for basic safety in case of a home fire.

Anyone wishing to receive a free smoke alarm, or in need of battery replacement through Friday can call the Foothills Welcome Center from 4-6 p.m. at 387-8724. Persons can also contact either Armstrong, Roeper or any Leo Club member for more information about the project.

More information on when sign-ups for all county residents will begin will be published next week.

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National Library Week, 1960, Did you know ...?

There are a lot of people in Clinton County who have never visited the public library or Bookmobile, therefore have never had the enjoyment of checking out and reading some good books? There are a few people who do not know where the County Library is located. Do you? That's right, it is in the City Hall Building, right above where the fire truck is kept parked. Why don't you make a special effort to visit the County Library during this National Library Week? The librarian is in the library all day every Friday and from 1 to 4 p.m. every Saturday afternoon.

If you have never been to the library, you will be surprised at all the wonderful, interesting books you will find lining the shelves of your library. If you have had the idea that there are only old, out-of-date books in our county library you are going to be more surprised than ever. Many, many of the books are brand new, just published books.

Perhaps you think to yourself, "Well, I don't like to read novels so why go to the library?" But, at the library you will find a great variety of books on every subject you can think of - from space travel to candy making. But, the most wonderful surprise of all is that books are not the only thing loaned out to our folks here in Clinton County. Do you have a record player? Then you can borrow records! Or would you like to have a lovely work of art to hang on your wall in your home? You can borrow pictures (which are copies of great master pieces) and use them for a period of two months at a time! Or are you a student who needs to use an encyclopedia quite often? You will find two or three or more fine, new sets at your own library! Plus many excellent non-fiction books for those of you who like non-fiction.

Two other loanable items which cannot be let out are magazines and films. Yes, if you own or have access to a 16mm projector you can borrow free films! The librarian has a catalog of the films which are available through your library, and there are hundreds of these films.

If you have children in your home who are pre-school age, you could not do anything that would give them more pleasure than to take them to the library and let them check out some of the beautiful children's books. There are so many to choose from, and you will be giving your child a taste for good reading.

Did you know that the total number of books circulated in our county during January was 9,166? If you visited the library regularly, it could be more. Friday would be a good time to make that visit because there are from 150 to 175 brand new books in the library, brought here from the regional library last week.

"Wake Up And Read" is the slogan for National Library Week, April 3-9. Reading will open up new worlds for you - if you will only let it happen by taking advantage of the many facilities of your Clinton County Library.

Clinton County Public Library, 2015
Did you know?

As the article above states, and is still quite true today, there are a lot of people in Clinton County who have never had the enjoyment of checking out and reading some good books! Do you know where the Clinton County Public Library is located? That's right, across from Clinton County High School on Ky. Hwy. 127, and next door to the Ambulance Service. Next Tuesday, April 14, would be a wonderful time to visit your library as the staff is holding an Open House from 3 - 6 p.m. and is inviting the entire population to attend!

Besides the many interesting, wonderful books you will find there, check out a movie! That's right! The library has many newly released movies for every taste and every age group... children's, teens, adults, and seniors. Special children's programs and Story Hour are held weekdays with guest readers who select books to read to the groups. Check schedule for dates and times.

Days of referencing encyclopedias have gone by the wayside for many, but researching has not. The library has free access to computers and the internet for many of those research projects today's Clinton Countians are active in. If you are not computer savvy, the staff is more than willing and able to help you and teach you about using the worldwide web.

Your library also has access to e-readers, books you can read online. There are many titles and subjects available and a good alternative for those who don't travel often.

Reading truly does open up new worlds to you, so take advantage of the many faucets of the Clinton County Public Library and attend Open House next Tuesday, April 14, 3-6 p.m.

For more information, contact the library at 387-5989.



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Albany Fire Department Chief Robert Roeper, left, and Albany LEO Club Sponsor Tim Armstrong, left, are shown with members of the Leo Club who will be involved in a project to insure that Albany and Clinton County residences are all equipped with working smoke alarms, providing the alarms and or batteries, at no charge to local home owners.

Club members pictured above, are, front row Carly Miller and Katie Williams, and, back row, Mackenzie Polston, Gabby Beaty and Keisha Garrett.

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SPORTS

TURNOVERS
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ALAN B. GIBSON

And basketball ends too suddenly in this Bluegrass roundball state

I'm certainly not telling any of you Big Blue Kentucky fans anything you haven't already thought of after this past weekend's disappointing loss at the hands of the Wisconsin varment, but I can't really remember when there was such a degree of sadness after a UK loss at the Gibson house.

Saturday night was devastating and Sunday - not just for awhile, but all day long - was like a day-long period of mourning.

Then came Monday and the thoughts of having to watch Wisconsin battle PUKE for a national title.

As much as I dislike the most boring show on television, the Gibson house television stayed tuned to the Voice for it's entirety. Only once did the set get turned to check the score, a tied up halftime that brought on a glance between this old married couple that without any words being spoken, resulted in a "who cares" shrug.

I'll admit we did break down at the end and watch "most" of the final four minutes of action - just enough to see that what we had feared was going to come true. PUKE was about to win yet another national title.

Change the channel - quick - before the streamers begin to fall from the ceiling of that Indiana arena ceiling.

So - trying to look on the positive side for Kentucky - the state, not necessarily the school - basketball... - a few ramblings to bring this 2014-15 season to a close.

Kentucky fans had the most fantastic run ever with that 38-1 campaign and for the most part, ever since the Cats won against Louisville back in December, they played with a big target on their back - with the rest of the NCAA field taking their best shot.

Louisville fans saw the Cardinals have perhaps an even more successful run in the NCAA tournament all things considered. After making it over several bumps in the road throughout the season, Coach Pitino took his team to the Elite Eight before losing this season.

Sure, Wisconsin ended the Cats' fairy tale hopes of a perfect 40-0 season in Saturday's heartbreaking semi-finals and Michigan State put a halt to Louisville's surprising advancing into last week's quarter-final round.

The world had to endure that school from North Carolina - I'll say it again, PUKE - winning another national championship (I'm sure they feel the same about both of our championship schools in the Bluegrass State).

Kentucky fans were able to celebrate Monday in the news that our head coach is now included in the list of Hall of Fame coaches - giving us two currently working the bench in this state.

At the same time, by Monday, the rumors were already flying. Players were certain to leave UK and Louisville for the next level (they will, this time), and when the NBA jobs become open again, Calipari was certain to be packing his bags as well (I don't think so, but only Cal knows - says here that Florida's Donovan is a better fit).

Pitino made an announcement that he has already selected redshirt sophomore Mangok Mathiang as a co-captain for next year's Cardinals (that means Pitino isn't going anywhere).

I looked outside through my front window this (Tuesday) morning and despite the blowing winds and rain, I could still see my UK/UL flag proudly flying in the Gibson front yard.

Basketball is over - college as well as high school - for several more months.

But come this fall, we'll do it all again. November for college, December for high school and despite the pain still being felt in this roundball Bluegrass State this week - it will be fun again.

In the meantime, there is golf to be played, yards to be dealt with and boating to enjoy.

Here's hoping for a long, hot, dry summer!

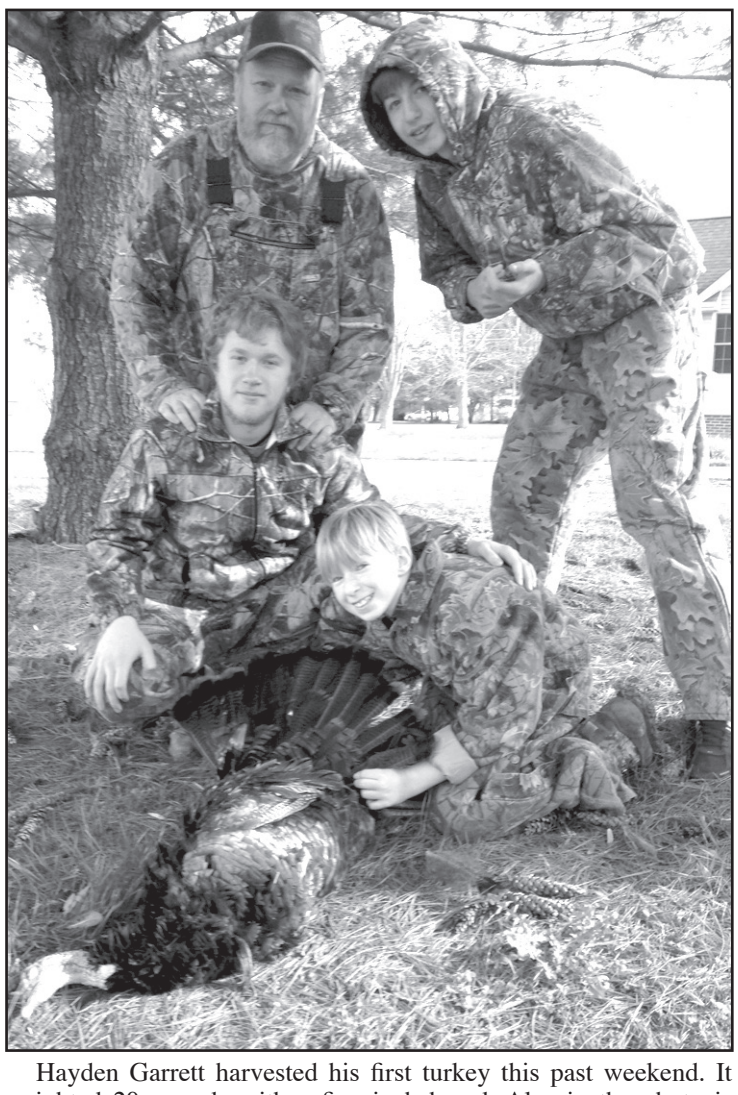


Ruger Branham harvested these two gobblers during youth season. One had two beards, 10.25 inches and 2.5 inches with one inch spurs and the other had a 9.5 inch beard and seven-eights inch spurs.





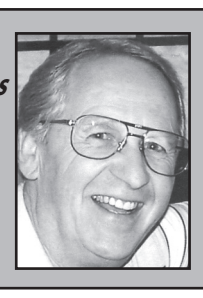
Lance Gibson killed this turkey while hunting with his Dad, Mike, during youth season. It weighed 21 pounds with an 8.5 inch beard and three-quarter inch spurs.



Hayden Garrett harvested his first turkey this past weekend. It weighted 20 pounds with a five inch beard. Also in the photo is Lamon Hubbs, Lamon Tyler Hubbs and Codey Robertson.

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Sports in Kentucky
by Bob Watkins



Legacy for 38-1 Wildcats? Find this one on shelf for Ended-In-Heartbreak

Since it won't be nine (titles) at University of Kentucky, a number this week is 157. Calendar days since the Wildcats weren't playing somewhere. Dollars lost to UK and local 40-0 tee-shirt profit hopefuls, millions.

2. 38-1 team legacy? See the Ended-in-Heartbreak shelf alongside Unforgettables (1992), Rupp's Runts (1966) and Hagan-Ramsey-Tsioropoulos unbeatens (1954). Special, but find game result in bold-face (UK media guide).

√ The Unforgettables helped make Christian Laettner famous, rich, then famous and rich again.

√ The Runts helped media twist perception-into-reality, gave Texas Western College a place in social history.

√ The '54 team was denied a title chance because Cliff Hagan, Frank Ramsey and Lou Tsioropoulos (ready for this? had college degrees.

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3. One-and-done rebuff. Seasoned, well prepared, Wisconsin played smarter and together longer than any team UK faced in 2014-15.

4. How could Kentucky have three more baskets, 26-23 and lose? Because, they had four in the last 10 minutes while Calipari jigged, whined, gestured and over-coached.

5. $$$. Losing the NCAA title and 40-0 perfecto may cost University of Kentucky $1.5 million, and retailers as much as $15 million in title memorabilia unsold, according to ESPN.com. "We would have produced 115,000 T-shirts over the next month," Lexington entrepreneur Matt Hoetker told the sports network.

6. Willie Cauley-Stein said he has probably played his last game at Kentucky. Two points and zero offensive rebounds in 33 minutes against Wisconsin, I thought he left a day early.

7. Andrew Harrison. Muttering one profane and racially-charged remark into a microphone put in doubt good kid image, two years in the making. But target Frank Kaminsky handled the insult like a man, "Over it."

8. Karl Anthony Townes, Trey Lyles and Andrew Harrison ... see ya.

9. Ready-Set-Go! Dept. Devin Booker. Kid is ready, right? To return to college, refine Shootist reputation learn how to get more than six shots in a Final Four game.

10. Kentucky Mr. Basketball(s) Derek Willis and Dominique Hawkins are getting a solid education in the L (sitting position). As UK coaches recruit over both, and Kentucky-rooted Chris Harrison-Docks, for instance, plays at Western Kentucky U., Bluegrass fans who love home-growns must feel cheated.

11. Two Kentucky fan e-mails John Calipari will shrug off, ignore, care less about are these. ..

• "You will never know how I feel. Losing last night was like death to me. A dream that had many faucets to it was quickly snuffed out. My spirit is broken ... as I go into a mourning period. I will never see anything like this team again in my remaining years. We got so close ... so close."

And...

• "Outcoached, at every turn down the stretch, Calipari," barked another. "For every (predictable) thing he tried, Bo Ryan had an answer."

12. Nate Silver, a professional statistician is to sports and politics, what Joe Lunardi is to bracketology, expert at what he does. Of the Wisconsin-Kentucky game Silver issued this stinging headline – Coach Cal Blew It. Then backed it up.

Silver's calculus was based on 100,000 simulations of game's last six minutes. Ahead four points (60-56 with the ball) and 12 possessions left for each team, UK's chances to win were 83.3%.

Instead, as he did in the 2012 championship game, Calipari slowed the pace, went to half court sets and shot attempts at end of game clock, and almost blew it then, did blow it this time. Both strategies played into Bo Ryan's hands. Critical among the last possessions: Three shot clock violations.

13. National title game day irony: On day Calipari's name was headed to hall of fame, Ryan's team played for an NCAA championship.

14. Will UK director of athletics Mitch Barnhart reward his coach of the year with something more original than a bump up to a $6.4 million-a-year bank account? A purchase voucher for Keeneland's fall sale? A round the world vacation (including side trip to Wisconsin)?; Or, season tickets to Pittsburgh Pirates 2015 home games.

15. To introduce Calipari at Hall of Fame induction ceremony? Maybe the man ultimately responsible for getting him to Kentucky, Rick Pitino.

16. Proven. Best two college hoops coaches in America: Mike Krzyzewski and Bo Ryan.

17. Green Envy Dept. As SEC undergoes ball coach upgrade (Alabama, Mississippi State and Tennessee), one pipe dream to upstage all that, would be Old School Bo Ryan at Kentucky.

18. UK consolation prizes: Longest win streak in school history, 38. Consecutive games made-a-3-pointer, 939.

19. Frank Kaminsky. Black Hole Dept. Good news is Kaminsky's going to be rich. Bad news is he will disappear into the Black Hole, the NBA.

20. Frank Kaminsky (Kevin McHale reincarnate?) should be a Boston Celtic.

21. UK eliminated Saturday! No Jay Bilas spin for pal Calipari? Never mind, columnist Mike Lupica was succinct enough, "Say what you want, but Wisconsin's 71-64 win over Kentucky was not an upset!"

22. It's early, but best ball coach honeymoon to date must be Shaka Smart at Texas or Rick Barnes at Tennessee, right? My vote goes to Jim Harbaugh at Michigan. An estimated 50,000 fans showed up for the Wolverines' spring game.

23. Ranked number one wire-to-wire (almost), finished 38-1, so, where's the nickname?

24. John Calipari in a Hall of Fame. Congratulations. Since HOFs in all sports have cheats, rogues, rascals, addicts, gamblers and anything-to-win types, why not Kentucky's coach? After all, a man who qualifies for all the above and is still outside looking in. Pete Rose.

And so it goes.

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Public Notice

Perdew Cemetery, established 1886 by W.F. Perdew, Wayne County, KY is a private family cemetery. Burial lots are not available to the public.

25-2c

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that David R. Choate, Attorney at Law, 216 E. Cumberland Street, Albany, Kentucky, 42602, has been appointed by the Clinton Circuit Court, Albany, Kentucky, as Warning Order Attorney pursuant to probate action currently pending in the Clinton District Court, Probate Action No. 15-P-00023 pertaining to the Estate of Kevin Patrick McGee, deceased.

This Warning Order Attorney has been appointed to notify the unknown heirs of Kevin Patrick McGee of his passing and to advise them that they may have an interest in the estate of the said Kevin Patrick McGee, deceased.

The heirs of Kevin Patrick McGee, deceased, should come forth with proof of their relationship to the deceased with same to be filed with the Clinton District Court within fifty (50) days of the date of March 11, 2015.

A copy of the estate file pertaining to Kevin Patrick McGee, deceased, can be secured from the Office of the Clinton District Court, Clinton County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Albany, Kentucky 42602.

David R. Choate
Warning Order Attorney
24-3c

Accepting Bids

The Clinton County Fair Board is accepting bids for the Main Food Booth to be operated during the 2015 Clinton County Fair, June 12-20. Bids should be submitted by Monday, April 20, 2015 to Amy Young, Secretary, or any fair board member.

24-3p

Advertising for bids

First & Farmers National Bank will offer for sale the following property by sealed bid: 2004 Dodge Neon Vin. # 1B3ES26C54D575322. The car may be seen by contacting First & Farmers National Bank, 200 S Washington St., Albany, KY 42602. Bids will be accepted until April 8, 2015. Bid opening will be at 9:30 a.m. CST, April 9, 2015. First & Farmers National Bank reserves the right to bid and reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

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Bid Notice

The Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service District Board is accepting bids for sealing and striping the parking lot at 2601 N. Highway 127. All bids should be sealed and returned to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015. The project will be awarded to the lowest and/or best bid as determined by the Clinton County Cooperative Service District Board. The Board reserves the right to reject or accept any and all bids at its discretion. For more information please call the Extension Office at 387-5404.

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March Fiduciaries

The following is a listing of fiduciaries for Clinton District Court for the month of March 2015:

* Decedent: Betty Elizabeth Neal, 3501 Greenbriar Rd., Albany, Ky. 42602. Fiduciary: Kenneth Neal, 1757 Huntersville Rd., Albany, Ky. 42602. Date of Appointment: March 10, 2015. Attorney: Luther C. Conner, P.O. Box 177, Albany, Ky. 42602.

* Decedent: Mary Ellen McWhorter, 3379, Duvall Valley Rd., Albany, Ky. 42602. Fiduciary: Shelby McWhorter, 410 Bohon Rd., Harrodsburg, Ky. 40330. Date of Appointment: March 3, 2015. Attorney: Gary Little, P.O. Box 68, Albany, Ky. 42602.

* Decedent: Linda Dicken, 808 Wisdom Dock Rd., Albany, Ky. 42602. Fiduciary: Arnold Dicken, 808 Wisdom Dock Rd., Albany, Ky. 42602. Date of Appointment: March 3, 2015. Attorney: David Choate, 216 E. Cumberland St., Albany, Ky. 42602.

* Decedent: Arthur W. Upchurch, 386 Asberry Rd., Albany, Ky. 42602. Fiduciary: Cathy Ann Platt, Indianapolis, IN; Date of Appointment: March 10, 2015. Attorney: Catherine Capps, P.O. Box 779, Burkesville, Ky. 42717.

* Decedent: Willie Randall Shelton, 1921 Snow Rd., Albany, Ky. 42602. Fiduciary: Wanda C. Shelton, 1921 Snow Rd., Albany, Ky. 42602. Date of Appointment: March 10, 2015. Attorney: Wanda White, 110 North Washington St., Albany, Ky. 42602.

* Decedent: Johnnie Sheckles, 111 Airport Rd., Albany, Ky. 42602. Fiduciary: Linda Byrd, 5347 Pelham Rd., Columbia, Ky. 42728. Date of Appointment: March 10, 2015. Attorney: Luther Conner, P.O. Box 177, Albany, Ky. 42602.

* Decedent: Kevin Patrick McGee, 333 Homer Lane, Albany, Ky. 42602. Fiduciary: John Merson, 6779 Old Monticello Rd., Albany, Ky. 42602. Date of Appointment: March 10, 2015. Attorney: David Cross, P.O. Box 70, Albany, Ky. 42602.

* Decedent: Bobby Wallace, 1367 Ky. Hwy. 968, Albany, Ky. 42602. Fiduciary: Faye Wallace, 1367 Ky. Hwy. 968, Albany, Ky. 42602. Date of Appointment: March 17, 2015. Attorney: David Cross, P.O. Box 70, Albany, Ky. 42602.

* Decedent: Lenora S. Reed, 139 Smith Chapel Rd., Albany, Ky. 42602. Co-Fiduciaries: Jona Reed, 139 Smith Chapel Rd., Albany, Ky. 42602 and Sarah Reed, 17 Horseshoe Bend, Albany, Ky. 42602. Date of Appointment: March 17, 2015. Attorney: David Cross, P.O. Box 70, Albany, Ky. 42602.

* Decedent: Leah Lucille Miller, 6093 N. Hwy. 127, Albany, Ky. 42602. Fiduciary: Dennis Dowell, 410 Staunton St, Piqua, OH 45356. Date of Appointment: March 31, 2015. Attorney: Luther Conner, P.O. Box 177, Albany, Ky. 42602.

(KRS 395.190. The date by which creditors must file their claims, that is, within six months after the appointment of fiduciary.)

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that Elease Foster, Administratrix of the estate of Helen Katherine Graham, deceased, has filed final settlement as said Administratrix. A hearing will be held on April 22, 2015 at 9 a.m. If no exceptions are filed to same, same shall be put to record. This 27th day of March, 2015.

Jake Staton, Clerk
26-1c

Notice of Public Review

Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency, Inc's central office is located at 23 Industry Drive, Jamestown, Kentucky. The Community Service Block Grant Plan is available for review during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. -- 4:30 p.m. central standard time. This project is funded, in part, under a contract with the Cabinet for Health and Family Service with funds from the Community Services Block Grant of the U.S. Department of Health and Family Services. Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. M/F/D.

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Thanks

The family of Jimmie Frances Cash would like to send thanks and heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped with our loss in any way. A very special thank you to our cousin, J.C. Hunter, for taking me to be with our family in such bad weather. Thank you all for the love, prayers, money, food, cards and flowers. Betty Upchurch, "thank you" for the beautiful sprays of roses. May God bless you all today and always.

Nell Armstrong, E.J. and Joyce Stearns and Cash family

Legislative Update

by Kentucky Senator
Max Wise
16th Senatorial District



Life-saving, landmark legislation achieved in closing hours of session

By Max Wise, 16th District Senator

Life-saving, landmark legislation was achieved by the Kentucky General Assembly during the final hours of the 2015 short session. Senate Bill 192, a comprehensive approach to address the scourge of heroin addiction in Kentucky reached final passage after countless hours of bipartisan work throughout this session. In fact, this is the third year that the Senate has led the charge on heroin legislation. The bill was signed into law Wednesday morning by Gov. Beshear, and is now in effect due to an emergency clause.

The legislation will provide new tools to curb the deadly impact of heroin in our state. Penalties for dealing and trafficking increase to keep these criminals off the streets.

New provisions include a new crime punishable by up to 10 years in prison for importing heroin into Kentucky with the intent to distribute or sell it . Addicts will have more resources for treatment and diversion with an infusion of over $10 million to go toward rehabilitation options .

Also local elected officials will have options of setting up needle exchanges which is hoped to prevent the spread of diseases like HIV and Hepatitis C and bring addicts into health centers where they may receive treatment referral.

The bottom line is, this legislation hopes to lessen access to heroin, and most importantly, save more lives lost to overdose and other lethal results of heroin use.

Working well past midnight on the final day of the session, other critical measures were resolved through intense negotiations between the Senate and the House. Our forefathers and architects of the constitution deliberately made law-making complex, and for good reason. Using the process in place, we were able to reach agreement on stabilizing the road fund important to Kentucky's infrastructure, and add a layer of protection to victims of dating violence.

To keep the road fund sound, The Senate and House agreed on House Bill 299 which sets a new minimum rate for the tax at 26 cents per gallon. That's less than the current rate of 27.6 cents per gallon. After that, the rate may raise or fall as much as 10 percent a year, similar to the current system.

Senators answered a call to provide civil protection from domestic violence, sexual abuse or stalking in the form of a protective order by giving final passage to House Bill 8. The bill also streamlines the process to obtain protective orders for other victims, and allows an order to be expunged from someone's record if a judge dismisses the order.

Currently, victims of dating violence in Kentucky must file criminal charges against their partner in the hope of preventing ongoing abuse.

Only victims who are married to, have a child with, or live with their abuser can seek civil protection from domestic violence or abuse, physical violence, or stalking as specified under current law. HB 6 provides the same protections under a different section of the statutes.

Combating heroin, resolving falling road fund revenues were two major needs that the Senate and House acted on in the final days of the session. However, other beneficial measures also were successful this year.

Child booster seats House Bill 315 requires booster seats to be used in motor vehicles by children who are less than eight years old and are between 40 inches and 57 inches in height.

Ignition interlock. Senate Bill 133 expands the use of ignition interlocks for people caught driving under the influence of alcohol. It supplements hardship licenses – special licenses allowing people with suspended licenses to drive to work, school and doctor's appointments – with ignition interlocks.

That's a device about the size of a mobile phone that is wired into the ignition system of a vehicle. A motorist must blow into the device in order to start their vehicle.

Tax check-offs. I sponsored Senate Bill 82 that creates state income tax refund check-offs to support pediatric cancer research and Kentucky's rape crisis centers. SB 82 originally focused solely on creating a tax check-off to support pediatric cancer research but was amended to include a check-off for rape crisis centers.

My colleagues and I will go back to our districts now, and, beginning in the summer, continue to meet and work on issues during the interim period and through joint committee meetings.

A complete list of new laws is available on the Legislative Research Commission's website, www.lrc.ky.gov. You are invited to contact me at my office in Frankfort by dialing 1-800-372-7181 of 502-564-8100.

Senator Max Wise (R-Campbellsville) represents the 16th District which encompasses Adair, Clinton, Cumberland, McCreary, Russell, Taylor, and Wayne counties. Senator Wise serves as Chair of the Senate Enrollment Committee; Vice Chair of Education Committee; and a member of Appropriations and Revenue Committee;; Economic Development, Tourism and Labor Committee; Health and Welfare Committee; and Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection Committee. He also serves as chair of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation and member of Budget Review Subcommittee on Education, NR, and EP.

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South Kentucky RECC makes a showing at Lineman Rodeo



South Kentucky RECC recently sent three teams to the Gaff-n-Go Lineman's Rodeo, the biggest on the East coast, held in Ruther Glen, Virginia, to compete against more than 150 journeymen and apprentice linemen.

The SKRECC team, made up of Mike Ramsey, from the Pulaski County office, Adam Neal, from the Clinton County office, and Greg Hammond, from the Russell County office, placed third in the Digger/Derrick & Bucket Obstacle Course.

The SKRECC team, made up of Brad Coffey (McCreary County office), Byron Koontz (Pulaski County office), and David Hughes (Wayne County office) took sixth place in the event; the team of Barney Singleton, Mark Wilson, and Stephen DeBord (all from the Pulaski County office) took eighth in the event.

The Clinton County Community Early Childhood Council,
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Tator planting time...

The arrival of spring sends farmers and gardeners outdoors across Clinton County and in the Cedar Hill Community of southern Clinton County it means it's time to plant potatoes on the Cravens farm. Danny and Jonathan Cravens were out last week planting their large potato crop, using a tobacco setter to drop the seed potato into the ground.

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Team members from the Tennessee Heart clinic joined Clinton County Hospital staff and Albany and Clinton County government and civic leaders last Tuesday morning for a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house showcasing the new clinic services that are now available at the local hospital.

Tennessee Heart holds ribbon cutting, open house at Clinton Hospital

After the harsh winter weather here forced one postponment from a schedule February, a crowd of team members from both the Tennessee Heart clinic and the Clinton County Hospital joined other local residents as well as government and civic leaders for a ceremony in front of the local hospital officially recognizing the opening of the new heart clinic service here.

The Tennessee Heart clinic facilities are located inside the Clinton County Hospital and with a regular schedule of providing an on-site cardiologist in Albany every other week on Tuesday afternoon, local patients in the Clinton County area now have the convenience of seeing a Cookeville cardiologist in Albany instead of traveling to Cookeville for every visit.

For one Clinton County native and now a member of the clinic staff working out of Cookeville, the opening of the local clinic has a powerful meaning.

"I have a lot of people in Clinton County who I dearly love and I wanted to make sure they had this care available right here at home," Mitch Stonecipher told the Clinton County News last Tuesday afternoon just minutes prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony. "We worked very, very hard to make this happen for Albany and Clinton County."

Stonecipher, who grew up in the Duvall Valley Community of Clinton County, is now an RN and serves as the Director of Invasive Cardiology Services for the Cookeville Regional Medical Center, the hospital where Tennessee Heart is based.

The physicians at Tennessee Heart are on the medical staff at Cookeville Regional Medical Center and provide services through the Heart and Vascular Center at Cookeville Regional.

Currently staffed with ten cardiologists and one electrophysiologist (heart rhythm specialist), Tennessee Heart originally opened in Cookeville in 1994 and has a patient base consisting of people from counties throughout the Upper Cumberland and southern Kentucky.

The new outreach clinic at the Clinton County Hospital is one of seven clinics currently being operated in the area surrounding Cookeville, Tennessee.

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